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## **Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2008--8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

- Members Present:** Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Adam Gross-BPI, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Robin Kelly-State Treasurer's Office, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Waterway Agency, Phil Smith-DuPage County
- Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Shana Alford, Lindsay Banks, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Kristin Heery, Jill Leary, Joy Schaad, Andrew Williams-Clark
- Others Present:** Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Lori Clark-NIU, John Greuling-Will County CED, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Jim LaBelle-Chicago Metropolis 2020, Holly Smith-KKCOM, Christopher Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

### **3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The meeting notes from the January 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Luann Hamilton.

### **4.0 Will County Quality of Life Indicators**

John Greuling, President and CEO of the Will County Center for Economic Development, provided a presentation on the Will County Quality of Life Indicators report. He explained that businesses often consider quality of life when making decisions concerning where to locate or expand, and that workforce was being considered a major factor in

location decisions, beyond transportation access, utilities, available land, and other factors. Mr. Greuling stated that this had led the Will County Center for Economic Development to track indicators that measured quality of life, and he provided several examples of the indicators that were used. He noted that all of the indicators used were online at [www.willcountycd.com](http://www.willcountycd.com).

Mr. Hartstein asked how individual indicators had been identified to measure concepts, and Mr. Greuling responded that data availability was a key consideration. Several committee members asked questions about how targets for indicators were set, and Mr. Greuling emphasized that goals needed to be realistic based on actual and expected conditions.

Phil Smith asked how the indicators informed decision-making. Mr. Greuling stated that in core competency areas such as transportation infrastructure, the County used the information for implementation purposes, while in other areas the indicators were shared with other organizations such as the United Way.

Frank Beal asked whether the CMAP process would lead to a similar outcome. Bob Dean responded that it was expected to, and noted that the working committees were currently in the process of identifying indicators and assessing data availability.

## **5.0 Regional Snapshot Report: Infill and Redevelopment**

Mr. Dean provided a brief explanation of the major conclusions of the infill snapshot report, noting that the report made basic calculations of infill potential within the region but that additional coordination was needed on the local level to validate and customize the research results. Mr. Dean noted that one interesting conclusion of the report was unexpected, in that the methodology for determining underutilized land appeared to be effective at predicting locations where teardowns were occurring.

Ed Paesel noted that there were many factors that made redevelopment difficult, including stormwater detention requirements and differential tax rates. He noted that these factors should be addressed in order to fully understand the potential and barriers related to infill. Adam Gross noted that the report could be strengthened in its treatment of affordable housing, and Luann Hamilton agreed. Mr. Dean asked these committee members to provide him with suggested changes to strengthen affordable housing to be included in the report. Tam Kutzmark asked whether the communities who served as case studies had been involved in the report preparation and Mr. Dean stated that they had.

Ms. Rupp Srch made a motion to release the report with the changes noted above. Ingrid Ruttendjie provided a second and the motion carried.

## **6.0 Regional Vision Development**

Mr. Dean stated that the development of the regional vision was underway, and that the committee would be asked to recommend its endorsement at its May meeting. He noted

that there were three vision areas where guidance from the committee was being requested, including: equity, freight, and coordinated planning and government.

Mr. Dean stated that the initial draft vision statements that had been released in October 2007 contained several statements on equity. However, based on stakeholder and committee comments, these statements did not seem to adequately address the concept of equity. He noted that staff had developed some new language, and asked the committee for comments. Mr. Smith noted that the new language was consistent with discussions held in the Human Services committee concerning geographic equity, equity among populations, and equal access to opportunity. Mr. Dean added that the new language was also consistent with the definition of equity in the Sustainability snapshot report. The committee did not express any concern with the new equity language.

Mr. Dean requested that the committee also provide guidance on the treatment of freight in the vision statements. He explained that the Intermodal Advisory Task Force had recommended that freight be a separate theme in the vision, rather than a part of the transportation and economic competitiveness themes. George Billows spoke on behalf of the Intermodal Advisory Task Force and emphasized the critical role of freight to the region's economy and the challenges faced by freight providers. The committee discussed the role of freight in the *GO TO 2040* plan and reached a consensus that it was a critical element of the plan, but should not be listed as a separate vision theme, although the language concerning freight should be strengthened. However, there was strong support for an active approach to freight in the development of indicators and plan recommendations.

On the third topic, Mr. Dean stated that there were several phrases in the coordinated planning and government section of the report which mentioned shared resources and taxation, and these had been seen as problematic by several stakeholders. Roger Claar stated that shared revenue or regional taxation did not make sense for Bolingbrook. Mr. Hartstein noted that these statements were really meant to convey the value of coordinated planning and cooperation along corridors, and that the discussion of shared resources and taxation distracted attention from this main point. Mr. Dean agreed, noting that this language was meant to recognize the benefits of coordination without being interpreted to mean redistribution of taxes. The committee agreed that clarifying that coordination would be for mutual benefit and removing language concerning taxation would accomplish this.

Mr. Dean added that the full vision would be sent to the Planning Coordinating Committee for a recommendation at its May 14 meeting.

## **7.0 GO TO 2040 Branding**

Tom Garritano provided a brief demonstration of the logo for the *GO TO 2040* plan and noted that a website for the plan, [www.goto2040.org](http://www.goto2040.org), would soon be launched.

## **8.0 Staff Updates**

Mr. Garritano provided a handout on ongoing public involvement activities, including local meetings and a general public survey. Mr. Dean noted that one procurement, related to the *GO TO 2040*, was underway for a contract with a data expert for work related to the indicators projects.

## **9.0 Other Business**

No other business was raised.

## **10.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

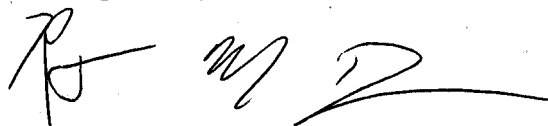
## **11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled for May 14, 2008.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on a motion by Luann Hamilton, second by Rae Rupp Srch.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Dean, Staff Liaison

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote May 14, 2008.*